

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

PURSELL, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/895,876



Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: July 2, 2001

Title: CONTROLLED RELEASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
AND PROCESSES FOR MAKING SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with attached PTO Form 1449 listing the enclosed documents.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), the applicant points out that this IDS is filed before the first Office Action on the Merits has issued in the subject application.

Also attached is a copy of the International Search Report which issued on April 1, 2002 in the international application, counterpart to the subject application, which cites some of the enclosed documents. See the Search Report for information on each document. Copies of the documents cited on the PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been

omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

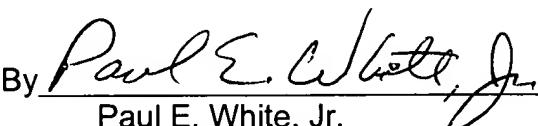
Contingent IDS Request Under Rule 97(d): Should a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance issue with a mailing date which precedes or is the same as the filing date of this IDS, please consider this a Request under Rule 97(d), charge the IDS fee (Rule 17(p)) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0687 under Order No. 46-104, and proceed to consider this IDS under Rule 97(d).

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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